afford facilities for the small investors of the rural public and this may considerably improve our ways and means programme.

### FINANCIAL POSITION

The Government will have a revenue surplus of Rs. 148·83 lakhs at the end of 1121 and a Revenue Reserve Fund of Rs. 73·50 lakhs making up a total of Rs. 222·33 lakhs of which Rs. 166·92 lakhs will be in Capital Outlay leaving a liquid surplus of Rs. 55·41 lakhs. By a careful husbanding of the resources and rigorous control over expenditure the State was able to move forward building up enviable surpluses from year to year.

## CRANGANUR

Cranganur was having deficit budgets for a long time past, but the fortuitous accidents of war have enabled the principali y to have a surplus of Rs. 0·37 lakh in the past year. According to the revised estimates we anticipate a surplus of Rs. 0·13 lakh against a deficit of Rs. 0·31 lakh budgetted for, the revised estimates of receipt and expenditure being proposed at Rs. 3·59 lakhs and Rs. 3·46 lakhs against the respective budget estimates of Rs. 2·90 lakhs and Rs. 3·21 lakhs.

For 1121, we budget for a record revenue of Rs. 4·05 lakhs and programme for an expenditure of Rs. 3·60 lakhs leaving a surplus of Rs. 0·45 lakh. As in the case of the State, the larger revenue is mainly the outcome of the higher bids at auction sales under Excise and the new duties on Betel nut, etc. The expenditure also has likewise increased considerably due to the grant of dearness allowance, the enhanced expenditure for "Works" owing to the phenomenal rise in the cost of labour and materials, etc. We hope that some means will be found to solve the problem of recurring deficits in Cranganur even before the present boom disappears.

## CONCLUSION

Sir, I have done. I have attempted to place before you the financial position of the State in as brief and clear a manner as possible. We have been by a process of husbanding all our resources without in any way stinting reasonable items of expenditure, able to build up large reserves on which we can fall for post-war expenditure. Our financial position is on the whole in an unassailably sound condition. But I am apprehensive that conditions may soon change causing great fall in our revenues without a corresponding reduction in expenditure. The Industrial expansion for self sufficiency aimed at by all parts of India and the world may affect adversely our Customs revenue. Income-tax may also be adversely affected and the Excess Profits Tax amounting to over Rs. 22 lakhs may completely disappear with the termination of the War. The other items of revenue particularly the Excise revenue may ere long show a downward tendency. While revenues may thus fall considerably, expenditure may not go down to any such great extent. While expenditure due directly to War conditions may disappear, more expenditure on nation-building services like Agriculture, Panchayats, Medical, Public Health, Public Works and foremost on Education is likely to emerge and these cannot be stinted by any progressive Government.

Though it is hazardous to prophesy how far the fall in revenue will be offset by the fall in expenditure the possibilities are that the fall in revenue will be considerable and it may be advisable to take stock of the situation and adopt suitable measures in time to see that the essential development services are not starved.

22. "17—Law and Justice—B—Civil Jusice—Temporary Establishment High Court"
23. " Do. T. A. High Court"
24. " Do. —Office Expenses—High Court"
25. " Do. —T. A. District Courts"
26. " Do. —Miscellaneous—District Courts"
27. " Do. —Office Expenses—District Courts"
28. " Do. —T. A. Munsiffs' Courts"
29. " Do. —Office Expen es—Munisiffs' Courts"
30. " Do. —Service labels—Munsiffs' Courts"

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**Mr. K. S. Raghavan** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I may be permitted to move the next nine items together. The allotments for the current year under the following heads have become insufficient and additional allotments to the extent noted against them are necessary—

1. **Rs. 288 under "Temporary Establishment—High Court"**
2. **Rs. 260 „ "T. A. High Court"**
3. **Rs. 400 „ "Office Expenses—High Court"**
4. **Rs. 550 „ "T. A.—District Courts"**
5. **Rs. 550 „ "Miscellaneous—District Courts"**
6. **Rs. 80 „ "Office Expenses—District Courts"**
7. **Rs. 5450 „ "T. A. Munsiff's Courts"**
8. **Rs. 100 „ "Office Expenses—Munsiff's Courts"**
9. **Rs. 100 „ "Service labels—Munsiff's Courts"**

The additional allotment under "Temporary Establishment High Court" is necessitated by the appointment of a translator to the High Court. The additional allotments required under "T. A." are due to the increase in the T. A. rates and the number of occasions the salary bill officers had to be paid T. A. The additional allotment of Rs. 400 required under "Office Expenses High Court" is for the purchase of uniforms for the peon sanctioned to the Law Reporter and for the purchase of a cycle for the cycle orderly newly sanctioned for the High Court. The additional amount of Rs. 550 required under "Miscellaneous—District Courts" is on account of the increase in the number of sessions cases and also in the cost printing judgments in sessions cases. There is only a small amount left under "Office Expenses—District Courts" on account of some sundry and unforeseen item of expenditure and hence the additional allotment applied for under the head. The expenditure under "Office Expenses and service labels of Munsiff's Courts" has also increased on account of some unforeseen items. I request the House may be pleased to vote the amount.

*Demands put and carried*

**31—19—Police**

**Mr. K. S. Raghavan** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 under "19-Police". Government have drawn up a scheme for the reorganisation of the fire-fighting arrangements in Ernakulam and Mattancheri. The total cost of the scheme is estimated at Rs. 6,30,000 of with 3,36,000 is for the construction of buildings and the balanceof Rs. 2.94,000 for the purchase of the necessary machinery, pipes, etc. Orders have already been placed for the necessary equipment and it is expected that they will have to be paid for before the close of the current year. A sum of Rs. 2,00,000 will be required to meet the current year's requirement. The amount has been provided in the Revised Estimate of 1120 under "19-Police". It is not possible to find funds by any re-appropriation. I request that the House mny be pleased to vote demand.

*Demand put and carried*

**32—31—Scientific, etc., Departments—2—Archaeology**

**Mr. K. S. Raghavan** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1102—14—0 under "31-Scientific, etc., Department—2—Archaeology". The Government Archaeologist was deputed for two months' training in Archaeological Excavation at Taxila in the school which Dr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, the Director-General of Archaeology in India started there in October 1944, he was allowed to take a peon also with him. The total expenditure on account of their T. A., daily allowance, etc., comes to Rs. 1102—14—0. As the expenditure was not anticipated at the time of framing the budget for 1120 no provision could be made for this. Funds are not available for re-appropriation also. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the demand.

*Demand put and carried*

33. **"12—A—Criminal Justice (Cranganur)—Establishment of Magistrates" by transfer from "13—Jails—Diet of prisoners"**
34. **"12—A—Criminal Justice (Cranganur)—Leave Allowance" by transfer from "13—Jails—Diet of Prisoners"**
35. **"12—A—Criminal Justice (Cranganur)—Dearness Allowance" by transfer from "13—Jails—Diet of prisoners"**

**Mr. K. S. Raghavan** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that that the following grants may be sanctioned.

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